

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R. 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Linda Saltiel on March 27, 2008.

The specification has been amended as follows:

On page 1 line 4 "according to...claim 1" has been deleted;

On page 3 line 5-6 "This object...claim 1." has been deleted;

The claims have been amended as follows, for proper antecedent basis and agreement with the specification:

In claim 1 line 3 --a load-- has replaced "the load";

In claim 1 line 4 --is-- has replaced "can be";

In claim 1 line 4 --in an-- has replaced "in the";

In claim 1 line 4 --a highest-- has replaced "the highest";

In claim 1 line 5 --is-- has replaced "prevailing...can be";

In claim 1 line 6 --to a rear control chamber-- has been added after "direction";

In claim 1 line 6 --highest load-- has replaced "load";

In claim 1 line 6 --is-- has replaced "can be";

In claim 1 line 7 --wherein-- has replaced "and...valve";

In claim 1 line 7 --a safety valve-- has replaced "which";

In claim 1 line 7-8 --is-- has replaced "can be";

In claim 1 line 8-9 --wherein-- has replaced "characterized in that";

In claim 1 line 9 --is moved toward-- has replaced "can...in";

In claim 1 line 11 --pump-- has replaced "flow";

In claim 1 line 11 --14 --; and a pressure is tapped off by a first throttle from a pressure medium flow portion downstream of the pump and upstream of an outlet of the pressure compensator, and directed to the rear control chamber, upon a change-over of an

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interrupter valve-- has replaced "and a pressure effective upon a change-over of the switch valve in the control chamber is tapped off by means of a nozzle by a pressure medium flow portion downstream of the pump and upstream of an outlet of the pressure compensator";

In claims 2 and 3 line 1 --first throttle-- has replaced "nozzle";

In claims 2 line 2--an -- has replaced "the", last occurrence;

In claims 5 and 10-12 line 3 --, wherein the control oil supply is-- has replaced "which can be";

In claims 5 and 10-12 line 4 --is-- has replaced "can be";

In claims 5 and 10-12 line 4 --the -- has replaced "means of an";

In claim 6 line 2 --throttle-- has replaced "nozzle";

In claim 6 line 4 --first throttle-- has replaced "nozzle";

In claim 7 line 2 and claims 13-16 line 1-2 --first throttle...throttle-- has replaced "nozzle...nozzle".

In claim 17 line 1-2 --first throttle...a load detecting throttle-- has replaced "nozzle...the load detecting nozzle".

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance: the combination of elements as claimed is deemed to be directed to an unobvious improvement over the invention patented by Nakatani et al. Nakatani et al discloses a hydraulic control comprising a mechanically operated distribution valve (80a) connected to a consumer through a pressure compensator (81a) having a load pressure of the consumer applied in an opening direction (at 85a) and a highest load pressure applied to a rear control chamber (86a), in a closing direction; the highest load pressure being connected to a pump regulator of a pump, by an LS line; a safety valve (50A) connected to the LS line between the pump regulator and the pressure compensator, and a pressure tapped off from a pressure medium flow portion downstream of the pump and upstream of an outlet of the pressure compensator (by 51), is directed to the rear control chamber, upon a change-over of an interrupter valve (43A).

The difference comprises that the pressure compensator has a pressure compensator piston (i.e. valve element) held in its closed position by a spring; and that there is a first throttle used to tap off from the pressure medium flow portion downstream of the pump and upstream of an outlet of the pressure compensator.

Although not shown in Nakatani et al, there are references which show a flow control valve connecting the LS line to a reservoir.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, preferably **accompanies** the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dan Lopez whose telephone number is 571-272-4821. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 6:00 AM—4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ed Look, can be reached on 571-272-4820. The official fax number is 571-273-8300. Any inquiry of a general nature should be directed to the Help Desk, whose telephone number is 1-800-PTO-9199.

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